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Enclosed for filing please find the patent application for an invention entitled IMPROVING THE SWITCHING RATIO AND ON-STATE RESISTANCE OF AN ANTIFUSE PROGRAMMED BELOW 5 mA AND HAVING A Ta OR TaN BARRIER METAL LAYER, filed on behalf of Actel Corporation, assignee from inventors A. Farid Issaq and Frank Hawley

Enclosed please find 31 pages of specification, 17 pages of claims, 1 pages of Abstract, and 13 sheets of drawing figures. Also enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication

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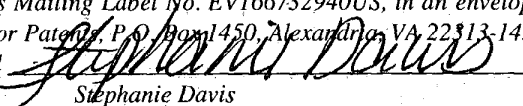
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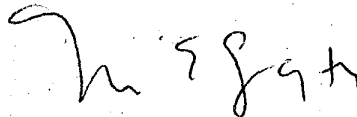
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